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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A composition for supplementing a beverage, the composition nondairy composition comprising:

a beverage comprising a liquid directly ingestible by a user and capable of creating physical dependence in a user;

an active ingredient added to the beverage in an amount effective to increase nutritional constituents otherwise subject to a deficiency in a user ~~as a normal consequence of consumption of exhibiting physical dependency on the beverage; and~~

a chemical excipient applied to the active ingredient selected from the group consisting of anti-oxidants, pH buffers, flavor masking agents, odor masking agents, preservatives, and timed-release mechanisms added to the beverage to support delivery of the active ingredient from the beverage to the bloodstream of a user.

2. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beverage is a commercially available, traditional drink.

3. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beverage comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of water, milk, juice, alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea, caffeinated beverages, and carbonated beverages.

4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 3, wherein alcoholic beverages further comprise distilled spirits, beer, wine, champagne, brandy, cognac, malt beverages, hard ciders, ales, lagers, and liqueurs.

5. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, hormones, herbal, botanical, amino acid, protein, carbohydrate, and fat.

6. (original) The composition of claim 5, wherein vitamins are selected from the group consisting of B-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, pro-vitamins, and co-enzymes.

7. (original) The composition of claim 6, wherein B-Vitamins are selected from the group consisting of Vitamin B1 (thiamine), Vitamin B2 (riboflavin), Vitamin B3 (niacin), Vitamin B5 (pantothenic acid), Vitamin B6 (pyridoxine), Vitamin B9 (folic acid), and Vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin).

8. (original) The composition of claim 4, wherein minerals further comprise at least one of magnesium, selenium, zinc, iron, and calcium.

9. (original) The composition of claim 4, wherein electrolytes further comprise at least one of potassium, sodium, chloride, and phosphate.

10. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is other than a replacement of a constituent previously present in the beverage.

11. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is other than a replacement of a constituent of the beverage source materials previously present in a former condition of the beverage source materials.

12. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the excipient is selected to mollify an effect selected from digestive processes, blood absorption processes, chemical stability prior to ingestion, chemical stability following ingestion, longevity of chemical concentration in the bloodstream, chemical stability in human cells.

13. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the application of the excipient is ordered in accordance with a parameter selected from at least one of preservation, shelf-stability, lubrication, solvents, viscosity, flavor masking, odor masking, pharmacokinetic mollification, appearance, texture, and taste.

14. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beverage is selected from the group consisting of nutritionally deficient and nutrition-depleting beverages.

15. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beverage consists of a liquid.

16. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the effective amount is selected to substantially completely replenish a deficiency of a selected nutrient.

17. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the effective amount is selected to substantially inhibit the depletion effects of the beverage on a selected nutrient.

18. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the effective amounts is selected to substantially reverse the depletion effects of the beverage on a selected nutrient.

19. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the effective amounts is selected to substantially neutralize depletion effects of the beverage on a selected nutrient.

20. (original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the effective amount is selected to substantially maintain a concentration in a bloodstream of a user to substantially resist leaching of the selected nutrient from cells by the beverage in the bloodstream.

21. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in a formulation selected from the group consisting of powder, pill, tablet, capsule, granule, microgranule, liquid, suspension, emulsion, liquid concentrate, effervescent tablet.

22. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beverage comprises a slurry comprising a solidus material in a liquid.

23-46. (canceled)

47. (new) A composition comprising:
an alcoholic beverage directly ingestible by a user;
at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, and zinc dissolved within the alcoholic beverage; and
a chemical excipient applied to the active ingredient selected from the group consisting of anti-oxidants, pH buffers, flavor masking agents, odor masking agents, preservatives, and timed-release mechanisms added to the beverage to support delivery of the active ingredient from the beverage to the bloodstream of a user.
48. (new) The composition of claim 47, wherein the at least one active ingredient is dissolved within the alcoholic beverage at about 10% to about 20% of the RDA for the at least one active ingredient.
49. (new) The composition of claim 47, wherein the alcoholic beverage comprises beer.
50. (new) The composition of claim 49, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least two active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, selenium, and zinc.

51. (new) The composition of claim 49, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least three active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, selenium, and zinc.

52. (new) The composition of claim 49, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least four active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, selenium, and zinc.

53. (new) The composition of claim 49, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least five active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, selenium, and zinc.

54. (new) The composition of claim 49, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium, selenium, and zinc.

55. (new) The composition of claim 47, wherein the alcoholic beverage comprises wine.

56. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least two active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.

57. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least three active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.

58. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least four active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.

59. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least five active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.

60. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises at least six active ingredients selected from the group consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.

61. (new) The composition of claim 55, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises vitamin B1, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin C, magnesium, and zinc.